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Woodruff's Views On Townsend Plan

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff)

I am a member of the committee which heard Dr. Townsend and other proponents of his so-called old age revolving pension plan, when they appeared in its favor during the time the Social Security Bill was under consideration by the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. The doctor and his representatives were given every opportunity to fully present their views and facts. I gave careful consideration during the entire hearing to everything even remotely touching this plan.

It is, of course, known to everyone with any knowledge of taxation, that processing, consumption and transactions taxes are nothing more nor less than sales taxes. Further, it is known that all such taxes are paid in full by the ultimate consumer, falling most heavily on those least able to pay. A tax on every transaction would involve always passing on the tax, which would eventually all be paid by the ultimate consumer. Every person in Michigan knows he is called upon to pay the three per cent retail sales tax touching any sort of purchase from the retail stores, and that no one escapes.

The Michigan sales tax of 3 per cent brings in about \$40,000,000 annually. A similar tax in the entire United States would realize one billion dollars annually. Michigan's population is approximately four per cent of the population of the entire United States. If it were necessary to raise the \$24,000,000,000 per year to finance the Townsend plan, Michigan's share of that amount would be \$960,000,000. Detroit, with its 1,568,662 population would be compelled to pay the tremendous sum of \$311,040,000 annually, in addition to the taxes now paid. The people of Bay City, the population of which in the last census was 47,355, would be called upon to pay \$9,388,800 per year.

Does anyone with any knowledge of taxation believe that the people of Detroit can pay annually the tremendous sum of \$311,040,000, in addition to the taxes they now pay? The assessed valuation of all real and personal property in Bay City is \$38,492,290. The amount this city would be called upon to pay annually constitutes 25 per cent of the total valuation of the city itself. Does anyone with information on this subject believe that the poor and the people of modest means of these communities could survive taxation to this degree? I am sure they do not.

The workers, the farmers and those in the white-collar class, who would be called upon to pay the greater part of this tax, are finding it an exceedingly difficult problem to make both ends meet under present conditions. It is, of course, perfectly apparent that to increase their tax burdens to the point where they necessarily would be increased under the Townsend plan would crucify these millions of people.

Even the very rich can, under the Townsend plan, qualify for the \$200 per month. The great bulk of the tax would be paid by 110,000,000 people who are either in modest or distressed circumstances. Why tax the poor to pay the rich?

The claims of the Townsend speakers that the plan would

create \$24,000,000,000 new purchasing power is, of course, ridiculous. The purchasing power of the people cannot be increased by taking from approximately 110,000,000 people money they have earned and which they themselves would spend if they were not subjected to this tax, and giving it to some other person to spend. This constitutes simply a transfer of purchasing power, and not an increase of purchasing power.

The further claim is made by the Townsend people that upon the inception of this plan, millions of old people would immediately retire from the jobs they now hold, giving employment to those now looking for work. The highest authority we have indicates that there are less than 1,500,000 men and women of 60 years or more gainfully employed in the United States. Undoubtedly, many of these are occupying executive positions which they would not surrender under any circumstances. It would not reduce unemployment in any degree whatsoever to displace people over 60 by those under that age.

Instead of prosperity for everybody which the Townsend people claim would result from putting their plan into effect, there would, in my judgment, be a rapid decrease of production with a resulting increase of unemployment, because 8,000,000 people cannot conceivably consume as many goods, both manufactured and agricultural, as could 110,000,000. It would throw upon the people of this country a burden of taxation such as no people in the history of the world have been called upon to bear. It would crush the poor and those of modest means; it would crucify the farmer and the working man and bring this country to economic disaster more quickly than any other one thing that has been proposed.

I believe there should be a liberalization of the present old age pension laws, and certainly there should be a liberalization of the administration of the present law. The State of Michigan provides a maximum of \$30 per month for persons over 70 years of age. Under the Federal law there will surely be \$15 per month to match the state payments. This constitutes a maximum of \$45 per month. Conditions frequently are such that our old people need more than this, and I believe the law should be liberalized to the point where more can be given, if conditions warrant. Certainly, our old people ought to be provided with the means of affording security which will give them peace and comfort in their declining years.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the Woman's Club for the lovely plant they sent me at Christmas. It made me feel so much better and much younger.

Mrs. Dave White.



Cordial Greetings

Also an expression of appreciation of your patronage and friendship. May the succeeding years give you a full measure of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Shoppenagons Inn

Grayling

Michigan

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Many Children Enjoy Christmas Treat

Close to 1,500 children were remembered in the annual Community treat made possible through the generosity of Grayling business men headed by George Burke. Every year at Christmas, time for many years, George Burke makes his rounds and arranges the community treat and this year it reached its highest peak.

A part of the treat was a movie at the Rialto theatre entitled "Stormy," the story of a wild horse, that was enjoyed by some 900 children from Kalkaska, Roscommon and Crawford counties. Coming out of the theatre the children were met at the entrance by Santa Claus and each one received a large cellophane sack of candy, nuts and popcorn.

Then with oodles of sacks left, the big truck from Burke's garage went to Roscommon and to the pulpwood camps and other places in the outlying districts and distributed the remainder, gladdening the hearts of many little folk, so there was no kiddie without a Christmas for miles around.

George Burke certainly gets a big kick out of making the children happy at Christmas. Aside from planning the local party, he also on his own hook, played Santa to Gaylord boys and girls Monday night, distributing 500 sacks of candy and nuts there. So Mr. Burke's thoughtfulness and big-heartedness, and Grayling business men's generosity at Christmas time is the talk of the kiddies and grown-ups of the town.

The American Legion and Auxiliary, for their Christmas treat, distributed toys to every needy girl and boy, and to many others in the county. Some of the toys were old ones that had been donated and were repaired and there were many new toys.

The community in general, we believe, owes a vote of thanks to all those who helped to make this Christmas such a merry one.

Legion Jottings

The Drum and Bugle Corps called off their drum corps practice for a few times on account of the holidays but will try and practice Thursday evening.

The American Legion played Santa Claus to several children in Grayling and distributed toys all over the city and county to these children. We wish we had been able to extend the Christmas cheer farther than we did.

The Legion and Drum & Bugle Corps and Auxiliary wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Many more applications are being received for membership in the Legion this year and we think this year coming will bring forth many things the Legion as a whole are trying to put over.

HOSPITAL NOTES

New patients entering within the past week:
Mrs. Mabel Yo, Higgins Lake.
Thomas Cramer, Springport, Mich.
Ralph Wilke, Gaylord.
Albert Rosquist, Roscommon.

Charity Ball Drawing Near

New Year's Eve is drawing near and with it the annual charity ball. Preparations are going on to make it the lovely party it always proves to be each year.

From the talk that is going the rounds it promises to draw a big crowd. The decorations will be beautiful. Scott Campbell's orchestra of Traverse City will furnish the music, and there will be favors and confetti.

So plan to watch the old year out and the new year in at the annual Charity ball Dec. 31st.

CARD OF THANKS

Dick Rasmussen is anxious to thank all those who gave him their votes, so that he was able to win 8th prize in the Mac & Gidley contest. He thanks Mr. McNamara a lot too.

I won the sixth prize in the Mac & Gidley contest and am very pleased over it and want to thank all my friends for giving me their votes. And many thanks to Mr. McNamara too.

Vernor Rasmussen.

I wish to thank every one who voted for me and helped me win the bicycle in the contest at Mac & Gidley's drug store. I also wish to thank Mr. McNamara for the opportunity of entering the contest.

Alfred Hanson.

Set The Calendar For Farmers Week

The twenty-first annual Farmers Week at Michigan State College will cause thousands of Michigan farmers and members of their families to mark their calendars for their vacation at East Lansing from Feb. 3 to 7.

The Week is always selected by many farm organizations as the date for their annual meetings, when they decide policies for the next year, review past accomplishments, and elect officers for their group. Some of the groups are concerned with livestock or farm crops but an increasing number of associations are interested primarily in the welfare of the folks on the farm and in ways to make farm life more enjoyable.

Homemakers will have a complete program to which they can devote their time or they can attend any of the sectional meetings. The general meetings at which noted speakers will give talks will be held afternoons and evenings. Entertainment programs will be given on two evenings of the week.

The usual grain, potato, and livestock shows will be held and the horse pulling contest is going to be the best ever, according to the committee in charge of this event. Michigan exhibitors of farm products had some wonderful exhibits on the fair circuit last fall and some of these will be shown at East Lansing. The shows during Farmers Week, however, have always been conducted to interest new men and no grower should withhold exhibits because he thinks the older exhibitors have too much experience in the game.

Crops, livestock, farm management, soils, and other sectional meetings will be held before noon each day and will adjourn so that everyone can attend the general meetings. Banquets and luncheons are scheduled nearly every day, and some days a number occur simultaneously.

Big Crowd Hears Christmas Cantata

50 CHILDREN IN RED GOWNS IN CAROLING PROCESSION

One of the loveliest of the Christmas hymns was the processional used to open the yuletide cantata presented at the vesper hour in Michelson Memorial church Sunday. Candles, dozens of them, reflected the cheery, smiling faces of fifty-four children and young people, gowned in red cassocks and white collars, as they marched through the church singing. The church was beautifully decorated with festoons of evergreen, pine trees, and white candles in tall candelabra.

Everyone joined in singing "O Little Star of Bethlehem," following which the "Christ-Child" was sung by a choir of twenty voices, telling the story of the birth of Christ through very well rendered solos and quartets as well as the chorus. It was closed with a recessional of "Silent Night," sung as the children wandered their way back from their places in the balcony at the back of the church.

The carolers were accompanied by a six-piece orchestra, as well as the organ.

For several weeks the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert, had been rehearsing for the cantata and their efforts resulted in a program of such fine music that it received the praise of a capacity crowd that filled the church. The carolers, in procession, made a picture so beautiful it gave a Christ-like spirit to the impressive service.

As the people left the church and were greeted outside by the brightly lighted streets centered by sparkling Christmas trees, they were filled with the "Christ-Child" music that they had just heard and a truly ideal spirit of Christmas.

Many visitors from out of the city were in attendance at the church and all are sincerely praising Mrs. Clippert and her choir members for their music. There are few small cities anywhere that could so creditably present such a high type of Christmas cantata as was presented here. And without Mrs. Clippert's talent and skill in training choirs we doubt if it could have been given in Grayling. Grayling is very fortunate in having such a talented musician.

State Awaits Grayling Winter Sports

SPECIAL TRAINS TO BRING THOUSANDS FOR WEEK ENDS

While the weather man is getting ready for winter weather, the Winter Sports committee is just about as busy as a committee could be. President Roy Trudgen and his officers too have been stepping on the gas and it is assured that just as soon as we have had enough freezing weather we're going to have the big park ready for use.

Already skating is being had and the local people have taken advantage of it. The big toboggan slides are ready for their coatings of ice and it shouldn't be long now before the "Purr of steel runners" may be heard at the park.

M. C. To Run Week-End Excursions

Week-end railroad excursions may be expected just as soon as the sports begin. The first trip is scheduled to leave Detroit Sunday morning, January 12th, and return to Detroit the same night. The present plans are for five hours at the park for excursionists. Earl C. Kirby of Detroit, president of the Kirby Travel Bureau, Inc., is negotiating the excursions and says that he hopes to bring trains to Grayling every week end beginning with the 12th and continuing for seven successive weeks. Each trip should bring to Grayling from 500 to 1,000 people.

EVIL OF ADVERTISING

Crossroads Merchant: "No, sir, I ain't a goin' to advertise."
Stranger: "Why not?"
Merchant: "I tried it once and it nearly ruined me. People come from miles away and bought their meat all the stuff I had."

Charlevoix's Strong Team Defeated Here

With Leo Lovely leading the way, the Grayling High school basketball team triumphed over Charlevoix High here Friday night by a score of 21-13. Leo netted four field goals and one free toss for a total of nine points. He was close pressed for honors by Smock who garnered six points.

Coach Kipke's squad was here for the first time and Grayling fans were privileged to see a highly rated team in action. In a way the game was an upset as many expected the Charlevoix boys to outclass the locals.

Pearl, fast Charlevoix forward, put his team in the lead in the first few minutes of play by sinking a free throw, but the lead changed hands when Smock tallied a field goal. Grayling's lead, although slim, was not in great danger at any time after the first quarter. The first stanza was a nip and tuck battle with Grayling ahead at the end, 4-3.

The Northern Lights gradually pulled ahead and led at the half, 10-5. Still it was anybody's game and Kipke's boys put on a high class exhibition trying to even the score, but the Northern Lights gained a point and were still ahead at the third quarter, 16-10.

The last period was just a matter of making baskets as Grayling coasted to a 21-13 victory.

Frederic High Defeats Reserves

Frederic High school defeated the Grayling Reserves in the preliminary by the close score of 21-18. Frederic has a good team this year and have been winning regularly. Our boys gave them a run for their money and Frederic knew they had played a hard game when it was over.

Grayling—21

	FG	FT	TP
Lovely, rf	4	1	9
Brady, rf	0	0	0
Smock, lf	3	0	6
Borchers, c	0	0	0
Dunham, c	0	0	0
Chalk, (c) rg	1	0	2
Hanson, lg	1	2	4
Totals	9	3	21

	FG	FT	TP
Pearl, rf	1	1	3
Radley, lg	1	0	2
Eckstone, lg	0	0	0
Gallagher, c	1	1	3
Schwab, rg	2	0	4
Cory, lg	0	1	1
Liverson, lg	0	0	0
Totals	5	3	13

East Jordan defeated Harbor Springs to maintain their tie with Grayling for the lead in the Northern Michigan "C" conference. Each team has three victories to its credit and no defeats. Grayling defeated Kalkaska in the only other Conference game.

Rialto Theatre

PROGRAM

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28

Big Double Feature

No. 1—Nancy Carroll and George Murphy

In "AFTER THE DANCE"

No. 2—Tim McCoy

In "LAW BEYOND THE RANGE"

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Dec. 29-30-31

Sunday Show continuous from 3:00 P. M. to Closing

Shirley Temple

In "THE LITTLE REBEL"

Movietone News

Comedy—Roof Tops over Manhattan

Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 1-2

Barbara Stanwyck

In "ANNIE OAKLEY"

Comedy—News Flashes

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3-4

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

No. 1—Buck Jones

In "IVORY HANDLED GUNS"

No. 2—Alice Faye

In "MUSO IS MAGRO"

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THE Townsend plan is one of the most discussed politically economic issues confronting the people at this time. It is quite uppermost in the minds of thinking people today. It's an economic plan and should stand or fall according to its merits of good for the greatest number of people. The Avalanche has published opinions on the Townsend plan pro and con, taken from other newspapers for the edification of its readers. Last week when Congressman Roy O. Woodruff was in Grayling we requested him to give us an article, expressing his opinion on the subject, for publication. This he did and it appears elsewhere in this edition of the Avalanche. This is the opinion of your congressman. You should read every word of it. It indicates that Mr. Woodruff is not fully in accord with the provisions of the Townsend plan and gives his reasons. Townsend clubs are springing up everywhere and the movement is receiving popular acclaim. However when the light of facts is allowed to shine impartially upon it, and its true worth is revealed we believe that it will turn out to be just another false hope. Tax payers and citizens generally will recall the whirlwind campaign of Upton Sinclair with his "End poverty in California" who went down to overwhelming defeat by the voters of that state. There isn't a citizen of that state who wouldn't want to end poverty and would, no doubt, have voted for Sinclair gladly had his plan seemed practical instead of visionary and impractical. Just so with the Townsend plan. It appears to be holding out false hopes to the men and women of 60 years of age and over that can only be withdrawn from their grasp later because of impracticability and lack of soundness of the plan. There is a middle ground somewhere that is practical, stable and will stand the test of endurance and when once put into practice will be certain to continue and become a blessing to those men and women who have reached the allotted time for retirement and who have been good citizens and deserve that their remaining years in this life should be without cares and with every needed comfort. When that plan is devised we are sure Mr. Woodruff as well as ourselves will be among its strongest supporters.

"OUR GANG" ENJOYS ANNUAL PARTY

"Our Gang" celebrated its annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Florence Wakeley, with Mrs. Hurl Decker as hostess. Sixteen members were present and some thirty children who were guests of the club. Other guests were Mrs. George Lutz and Mrs. Frank Serven.

The afternoon was spent playing keno, after which a delicious lunch was served by the committee. The birthday cake, which was made by Mrs. Dewey Palmer, was in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Florence Wakeley, Mrs. Archie Brown and Mrs. Floyd Taylor. Prizes for Keno were won by Mrs. Dewey Palmer, Mrs. Percy Budd, Mrs. Edna McEvers, Mrs. John Stephenson and Mrs. Kenneth Clise. Mrs. George Lutz was the winner of the penny prize.

The greatest attraction, as far as the children were concerned was the Christmas tree from which gifts were given to each child in addition to bags of candy, nuts and oranges.

Mrs. Earl Broadbent and Mrs. Edna McEvers were appointed on the "sick" committee for January. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Broadbent on January 2.

ENGROSSED ACKNOWLEDGMENT

It is with sincere appreciation that we acknowledge receipt of a handsomely engrossed certificate, nicely framed, issued to the Palmer Fire Insurance Agency, from the Security Insurance Co. of New Haven, Connecticut. The certificate was in acknowledgment of more than 25 years of continued service with that company by our home town agency. And John Hubbell, of Detroit, state agent for the Security, delivered the certificate in person and in extending his congratulations he thanks us for the high type of service this agency has given his company. It certainly is gratifying to find the insurance companies one has served for so many years ready to reward his service by such acknowledgment.

Personal and Social

Elmer Fenton spent Christmas at McMillan, the guest of Miss Margaret Fyvie.

Mrs. Russell Vallad, accompanied by Mrs. Neal McDaniel, spent the week end at Bay City.

Carl Lesse left Tuesday to spend Christmas at Marine City with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes spent Christmas at Charlevoix at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hayes.

Mrs. James Bugby, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Jerry Sherman, spent Wednesday afternoon at Gaylord.

Mrs. Ted Wheeler left Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorngton at Gladwin.

Miss Eva Madsen, who attends school in Detroit, has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen.

Mrs. Sherman Neal spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sauners, at Rose City.

Esbern Hanson and Wilhelm Kaae were in Saginaw Monday at attendance at the funeral of George B. Morley.

Miss Ann Hanson, who is employed at Lansing, and Miss Agnes Hanson, of Clare, enjoyed Christmas at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Norman Johnson, of Camp Saginaw, is home on leave visiting his father, Clarence Johnson, of Howard Johnson, who is also in the C.C.C. was home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann are enjoying a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smith of Grand Rapids, who came to be here for Christmas.

Angus MacAulay, of Camp Molasses, is spending his Christmas leave with Mrs. MacAulay and children, who are here for the winter with Mrs. MacAulay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbs and daughter Sandra Jean left Saturday to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibbs Sr., at Harbor Springs. Mr. Gibbs drove over to accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Vallad were guests Christmas day at the home of their son, Warren Vallad, at Kalkaska. With them were also Mrs. Henry Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skingley and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Papenfus and daughter Nancy, of Eldorado, enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. Papenfus' mother, Mrs. Lola Papenfus, down the river. In the evening they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borchers.

Miss Helen Woodburn, who is teaching at the Fairview Consolidated grade school, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Woodburn, at Maple Forest. Her sister, Miss Grace, is enjoying her vacation from C.S.T.C., and is also at her home.

Emil Kraus, accompanied by Emil Jr., and daughter Miss Virginia, of Detroit, are enjoying the yuletide at home here. Emil is who is sophomore in the college of arts and sciences at the University of Detroit, and Miss Virginia a student at Marygrove College, will spend the holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trudeau will leave Sunday for Ferndale, where they will visit Mr. Trudeau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trudeau. They will also visit Lansing, where they will spend New Years with Mrs. Trudeau's mother, Mrs. Eva Wingard, at the home of William Wingard. The Wingard family will hold a family reunion at Lansing on New Years.

Little Kay Ann Campbell, of Jaylord, spent Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Chalker, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sr., of Gaylord, spent the day at Bay City. Guests Christmas at the Chalker home were Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Zebb Onspaul, of Gaylord.

Christmas was celebrated at the York Edmonds home with most of the relatives in attendance. Those who spent Christmas day there were Mr. and Mrs. William Christenson and daughter Fay; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serven, Mrs. Hugo Schrieber Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Edmonds, of Maple Forest; and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schrieber Jr. and daughter, Miss Eunice, the latter who is home from Bayport for the holiday vacation.

Christmas at the Chris Hoesli home was enjoyed, as in addition to some friends, all of the children were home for the holiday. Miss Viva Hoesli, home from Flint, had as her guest, Mr. Stokker, of Flint; other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Mallingier and daughter Patricia, Mrs. Marie Mallingier, son Joe and daughter Miss Marie and Katharine, of Higgins Lake. A. L. Birkhoff, and Mrs. Dora Knell and son Roger, of down river.



There are countless ways of saying
What we want to say to you,
But there never was a greeting
More sincere and warm and true
Than this cheerful, friendly call:
"HAPPY NEW YEAR
***To all!"

Grayling Box Company

Everything In Building Material

Louis Patowski spent the holiday with his parents at Alpena.

James Perry left last Thursday for Ann Arbor where he is receiving medical treatment.

Horace Failing, of Camp Saginaw, is here on leave and spending the holiday at his home.

Mrs. Lorraine Scharp, of Flint, is here for the holiday and visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Conrad Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Scott and daughter Virginia spent the Christmas holiday with relatives at Bay City and Gladwin.

Miss Helen May visited over the week end at Detroit, where she was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Edwin Raisinen.

Miss Dorothy Anderson, of Flint, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson.

Mrs. William Mosher and sons Charles and Bill left Tuesday for Jackson to spend the holiday with relatives and friends.

Miss Grace Parker, home from Lansing for over the yuletide, had as her guest John Herbach, of Cheboygan, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Endricks, of Detroit, came the first of the week to spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Pearsall and son Junior, of Detroit, spent Christmas with Mrs. Pearsall's father, Rudolph Sorenson and family.

Miss Eunice Schrieber, who teaches school at Bayport, Mich., is home to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schrieber Jr., at the Rainbow Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Denno enjoyed as their guests Christmas day Mrs. Denno's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Galloway, of Beaver Creek. Mrs. Galloway has just recently returned from Ann Arbor, where she underwent medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers and son Derrick spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. McEvers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Worthey, at Horseshoe Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Worthey also had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. King Carpen, of K. P. Ranch, which is located near Waters.

The L. N. L. social meeting was held Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. William Williams with twenty-five members present. Pinochle and Pedro were enjoyed with first prizes being won by Mrs. Jerry Sherman and Dewey Palmer, and second prizes by Mrs. Herman Bertl, of Roscommon, and Mrs. James Sherman. Dewey Palmer also won the penny prize. A nice lunch was served by the committee.



Christmas-time calls for the best in candy—and we have it. Here is a fresh supply of Whitman's famous chocolates—decorated for the Big Day—at 25c to \$7.50. Order now.

Central Drug Store
Chris W. Olsen, Prop'r.

Coal Is the Remnant of Prehistoric Plant Life

Coal is what is left of prehistoric plant life that has been subjected to subterranean temperatures and pressures for millions of years, notes a writer in the Chicago Tribune. The geologists know that because there are scattered throughout coal the fossilized forms of leaves, ferns, and even tree trunks, to say nothing of assorted vermin of that far-off day. Furthermore, coal in all stages of evolution has been found. There is peat, which is nothing more than a brown, spongy, water-soaked mass of decayed vegetation. There is lignite, or brown coal, which is so soft that it can readily be crumbled by the fingers. There is bituminous or soft coal, which is black to color but still fairly easy to powder. And, as a last stage, there is anthracite, which is a hard, flinty material, the composition of which is almost pure carbon. These changes are undergone by wood in its evolution into anthracite. Coal steadily loses oxygen and hydrogen. This means that water, carbon dioxide, and probably some hydrogen-rich natural gas have been steadily baked and squeezed out of the coal, until its composition approaches that of pure carbon.

Color-Blindness Affects People in Various Ways

People who are color-blind were not very pleased when colored traffic signals were introduced and since beacons have been in general use their troubles have increased. Inability to distinguish between colors is more common than most of us suppose. More men than women are victims of it.

There are people who are color-blind in only one eye. For instance, while their left eye may see red as red, their right sees it as black.

The story is told of a famous Quaker chemist who was color-blind and had only three normal color sensations.

A pink flower looked blue to him and when he cut his chin one day he saw green blood flowing from the wound.

Instances of colored vision are not uncommon. Some people always see as though they were looking through green or red glass.—Pearson's Weekly.

Heat Lizards

The idea regarding heat lizards, which are seen living in ovens and running around inside the oven when the oven door is open, is a myth which is due to a misunderstanding regarding the nature and habits of the salamander, plus an optical illusion. The salamander was formerly supposed to be impervious to fire and actually live in ovens. This idea was undoubtedly caused by the fact that these amphibians occasionally crawl into houses in the winter time in search of warmth and seek refuge in hearths. The misconception was no doubt further heightened by the brilliant orange or scarlet color of some species. As a matter of fact, neither the salamander nor any other animal is impervious to fire, and the so-called heat lizards are entirely an optical illusion.—Washington Star.

Porcelain Tower of Nanking

The Porcelain Tower of Nanking was designed by the Emperor Yung lo (1403-28) on a previously sacred site to commemorate the virtues of his mother. It was begun in 1417 and destroyed during the Taiping rebellion. The tower was octagonal in shape, about 260 feet high, its outer walls cased with the finest white porcelain bricks. Each of the nine stories in which the building was divided was marked by overhanging eaves of green glazed tiles.

Gypsum

Gypsum, a white, rocklike mineral, on heating gives plaster of paris, which is easily converted back into gypsum by the addition of water. This process makes possible the manufacture of relatively thin sheets of gypsum of any size, which, because of their lightness and insulating properties, are quite useful for wallboards and roofing. Mixed with suitable binding materials, gypsum is a competitor of concrete for certain kinds of flooring.

Inconsistent Laws

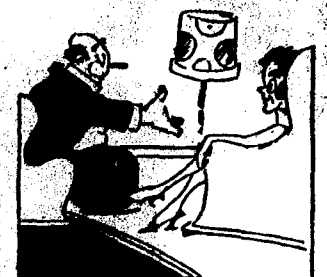
In courts of law, an expert is defined as one whose knowledge is based on "experience and practice." Yet in a number of states today, says Harry Greenspan, New York city, in Collier's Weekly, a physician who has practiced only one year and who has never performed an operation is allowed to testify in cases of surgical malpractice and to criticize or commend the methods used by a defendant physician.

Woman Wears Size 21 Shoes

A woman has won the doubtful honor of possessing the largest feet in Great Britain. The Morning Post reports that a Durham woman confesses to a size 21. Her shoes are made on special lasts and are 10 1/2 inches long. The firm making this woman's shoes made lasts for size 15 shoes for a north country woman four years ago.

Embarrassing
The mayor had expected, with a number of his colleagues, to attend an important temperance gathering. They were rather late and the chairman of the meeting, with the object of marking time, announced that they would sing the hymn, "Hold the Fort, For I Am Coming." The civic procession, headed by the mayor, entered the hall just as the audience was singing "See the mighty host advance, Satan leading on!"—Tit-Bits Magazine.

THE PRESCRIPTION



Wife—The doctor says I should go South for my health. The question now is where to go.
Hubby—Go to another doctor.

In the Classroom
A school teacher asked the pupils to write a short essay and to choose their own subjects.

A little girl sent in the following paper: "My subject is 'Ants.' Ants is of two kinds, insects and lady uncles."

"Some times they live in holes and sometimes they crawl into the sugar bowl, and sometimes they live with their married sisters."

"That's all I know about ants."

Nearer Correct
"I gave the best answer in nature study today, mother," said Johnny, home from school.

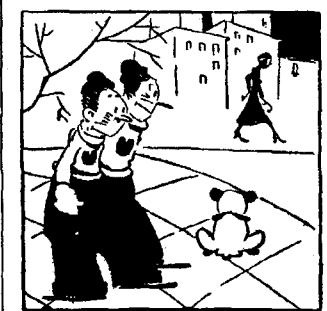
"I am glad," said the proud mother.

"Yes," said Johnny, "teacher asked how many legs an ostrich had, and I said three."
"But an ostrich has two legs."
"I know that now, mother, but the rest of the class said four."—Stray Stories Magazine.

Too Confusing
"A life on the ocean wave, it's grand," said Brown, who had just finished describing the beautiful sea and skies on his return from a Mediterranean cruise. "What do you think of it, Green?"

"No more cruises for me," replied Green. "As far as I am concerned they are all 'bunk'!"—Stray Stories Magazine.

TOUCHDOWN



Soph—Ah! What you fellows don't know about football would fill a book.

Back—And what we do know would fill a cemetery.

Bounce Necessary
George and Jim were discussing a mutual friend whose virtues of humility and self-effacement were hindering his prospects of advancement.

"He's just the sort of a fellow who deserves a better post," observed George.

"That may be," observed Jim. "But a fellow can't rise high in these days unless he has plenty of bounce!"

Perpetual Motion
"What are you studying now?" "Perpetual motion," answered the professor.

"Have you an example of it?" "Approximately. A bunch of boys takes up a pile of leaves. The wind blows 'em around. They take 'em up again, and so on indefinitely."

Proof Positive
Mother—Willie, you appear to have been eating the jam again!
Willie—Don't go by appearances, Mum.

Mother—No, I go by disappearances.

Just the Thing
"I want to answer Dorothy's letter and say something that means nothing."
"Tell her you love her."

APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all those who helped and made it possible for us to build our new home. In last week's issue of the Avalanche there was an item telling of a house-warming at our new home, but this was an error, as it was a family birthday party for Mrs. Louise Papendick. We are making this correction as we do not want our neighbors to feel slighted. We do plan however, when our home is finished, to celebrate with a house-warming for all our relatives, friends and neighbors who were so kind. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Papendick.



Help Make Michigan Highways Safe

1. DON'T SPEED
2. WATCH TRAFFIC SIGNALS
3. TAKE CURVES CAUTIOUSLY
4. DON'T PASS ON HILLS
5. BE COURTEOUS
6. DON'T TAKE CHANCES

State of Michigan

SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Camp News

CAMP HIGGINS LAKE

About 50 men remained in camp over the Christmas holiday, the remainder taking a vacation period from Friday night until midnight December 28. Most of the men now in camp will take the New Years leave of absence which expires at midnight January 2.

Sam Hill, district educational adviser from Camp Custer, made an inspection of educational activities at this camp Thursday.

Lieut. S. H. Cropp has secured a ten-day leave of absence to visit relatives and friends in Chicago.

Rudy Harrison of this camp, and Mickey Stanfield of Houghton Lake camp are boxers from the fourth sub-district who qualified for the Golden Gloves fights in Grand Rapids by winning at the Camp Custer tournament. It is contemplated to pick another team from this sub-district to send to the Golden Gloves tournament at Bay City.

Chaplain J. L. Connolly has a short holiday leave of absence to visit his family at Galesburg, Illinois.

The camp infirmary has been much improved recently. The dispensary has been given two coats of enamel, all labels and bottles have been made uniform. A filing cabinet and clothes closet for the patients has been constructed. Wooden benches have been replaced by folding steel chairs.

The highest of all the CCC camps, Camp NP-3, stands 9,200 feet above sea level in Colorado. In Colorado, too, Camp F-50, established last spring, is probably as high. The two Death Valley camps in California are almost two miles lower, at 270 feet below the sea level.

The athletic officer has 15 candidates at present for the camp basketball team. Among those who played last year Rudy Harrison, Paul Hendrickson, Leland Marshall, Kendall Welch, and William Jager are still available.

A new class with an enrollment of 18 instructed by Chief Foreman M. S. Gerred, is preparing to take civil service examinations as junior assistant to technician for ECW jobs.

Work on Staley Lake truck trail is to be started soon. Mr. Mallingier is surveying the trail now and work will probably start before the month is over.

Work crews from this camp will make a fish census on lakes Margrethe and Higgins shortly.

Alvin Maulbetsch of Ann Arbor, who has been with the MECW at this camp for several months, has been transferred to Camp Ogemaw at West Branch.

CAMP AU SABLE

Farewell Dinner Given For Lt. Allen

At a surprise farewell dinner given in honor of Lieutenant Charles S. Allen Thursday night, Senior Foreman George P. Daniels gave a resume of the C.O.'s 26 months service at Camp AuSable and presented him with a beautiful saber as a parting gift from the enrollees, technical service and his associate officers. The saber was presented after an excellent menu prepared by cooks Benjamin N. C. O. M. S. Balch, Brianham, Cupon and Maxson, under the direction of Mess Steward D. G. Wolfe.

Impromptu speakers on the program introduced by toastmaster Daniels were Dr. Brodman, Superintendent A. K. Braidwood, and Lt. Hartley, Lieuten-

ant Allen gave a farewell address which was answered by thunders of applause and cheers.

About three quarters of the company took advantage of the special five day leave of absence to visit their homes for Christmas. The remaining enrollees are planning to leave New Years.

Members of Camp AuSable were surprised to hear of the approaching marriage of Bud Bearss and Miss Elda Johnson of Frederic. Bearss recently left the company to accept employment in Grand Rapids.

Should America join the armament race? Read how the public stands on this issue in "America Speaks," the nationwide weekly poll of public opinion. It appears exclusively in Michigan in next Sunday's Detroit News.

Among the Clerks

(By J. Wellington Bumsted)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson spent Christmas Day at the home of Wally's parents at Roscommon. It is expected (at least I have it figured) that they will celebrate their New Years holiday at Cadillac.

Lost or Strayed: Man's heavy black jacket. Finder will please return to Miss Eva Swanson, of the Hanson Cafe!

As the result of last week's issue of the Clerks column, an indignant young man is threatening to kick out the teeth of his very near relatives for tendering very damaging evidence.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bugby are wearing the traditional black; having taken their boys (the Cubs) over to Cheboygan Friday evening only to be defeated by a few points. The score was 19 and 16 but it has served to give the boys more determination for the next bout.

You may be interested to learn that one of our Clerk's favorite "gals" is back in town. Perhaps I should have said the one and only! Anyway—it's a case of "back in town!"

Want Ads

FOUND—Pair of eye glasses. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

FOR RENT—Sleeping rooms. Phone 735.

WE PAY HIGHEST prices for timber—Jackpine, spruce, balsam, tamarack, hemlock, cedar, Norway and white pine pulp or building logs. Will buy on stump or as cut in woods. Pulp delivered in cars at our factory \$5.50 per 4-ft. cord (peeled). Pulp delivered on bank at our factory \$5.15 per 4-ft. cord (peeled). Building logs delivered at our factory up to 3 cents per lineal foot. Communicate with us for contract. Phone Grayling 162. National Log Construction Co., Grayling, Mich.

FOR RENT—Furnished home, or young couple to share home with reliable couple. Mrs. Theo. Leslie, Grayling.

WANTED—3,000 cords Basswood and Poplar Excelsior bolts: F. O. Barden & Son, Boyne City. 11-7-8

STOMACH ULCER, GAS PAINS, indigestion victims, why suffer? For quick relief get a free sample of Udg's, a doctor's prescription at Olsen's Central Drug Store.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 26, 1912

Mrs. Cora M. Burgess, wife of Frank S. Burgess, passed away at her home last Saturday evening at 9:15 o'clock.

Harry Connine is home from the University of Michigan to spend his holiday vacation.

Miss Clara Nelson who is attending Mt. Pleasant normal is home to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. C. M. Hewitt and daughter Creva and Miss Mabel Lurgis spent Xmas in Bay City.

Molly Johnson of Wolverine spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family.

Adolph Olson of Detroit is visiting at the home of his father L. P. Olson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klatt of Detroit are visiting Mrs. Klatt's mother, Mrs. Johanna Hanson and family.

Mrs. J. B. Woodburn, and daughter, Miss Bertina and son Earl, spent Christmas with relatives in Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Collen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson and Miss Mable Dawson were called to West Branch, Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Maude Alexander, who died at her home in Ontonagon.

Zeke Hanson, of Ewen, is in Grayling making his old friends happy by his presence. He is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Hanson. He left Grayling about a year ago and this is his first visit home, and as may be imagined, he is enjoying it. At present he is in the employ of the L. Jensen Lumber Co., at Ewen.

Twenty-five well filled boxes were sent to as many homes by the ladies of the Goodfellowship club, Monday afternoon. Through the personal interest of Mayor F. W. Hanson, over \$188 was collected of which \$17 was spent for toys, \$110 for provisions and the remaining amount for clothing. Over eighty-five children are well fed, warmly clothed and happy with new toys this Christmas because of this generosity.

Miss Louise Peterson is home from Ypsilanti Normal.

Clyde King spent Christmas with friends in Pinconning.

Miss Jennie Anderson spent Xmas at her home in Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Collins, of Linden, Mich., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Goudrow.

Miss Cora Michelson entertained a few friends Sunday evening, the occasion being her birthday. All enjoyed a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jerome of Grand Rapids, arrived Tuesday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates.

The Grayling High School girls basketball team defeated the Gaylord High school team last Friday night by a score of 9 to 8.

Miss Laura London is home

from Flint for the holiday time. She is ever welcome, especially at the Avalanche office, where for about two years she was a factotum.

Miss Lillian Bates arrived Tuesday morning from Oxford, Ohio, where she has been attending a school for girls.

Ray Amidon, of Flint, came up to eat Christmas dinner with his parents.

Kaj Hanson who is working in Detroit, is home to spend the holidays.

Miss Agnes Hanson, who is teaching in Mt. Pleasant, is home for the holidays.

Miss Sarah Kelton, of Bay City, is a guest at the home of N. Michelson and family.

C. E. Bingham and family left Monday for Bay City to spend Christmas with relatives.

Sam Collen, of Detroit, is home, spending his vacation with parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Miss Florence, are spending the holidays in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesprance and Miss Jennie Ingley, spent Christmas with the former's daughter, Mrs. Jas. Johnson of Gaylord.

James Ballard, of Buckley, editor of the Buckley Enterprise, was called here last Thursday by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Frank Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. DuBois and baby Jean and Miss Florence Doty, of Grand Rapids, are guests of their sister, Mrs. Oscar Schumann and family.

Clyde Hum, who is attending the U. of M., arrived last week to spend his holidays with relatives and friends.

More than 500 invitations have been issued for the first annual ball and banquet to be given by the Loyal Order of Moose, on New Year's night, January 1.

A stage is being built in the Temple Theatre. The floor has been cut and raised to proper height. Up-to-date footlights will be installed and new scenery throughout. Waldemar Jensen will paint the scenery and flies, also decorate the walls and ceiling and it is a foregone conclusion that this will be fine. New opera chairs will be installed and manager Victor Salling says that he will have as fine a theatre as one could wish to see.

Norman Spencer of the M. A. C. is expected here the last of this week.

Earl Woodburn arrived home from the U. of M. Saturday to spend the holiday.

Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Geo. Mahon.
S. W.—James Overton.
J. W.—Fred Mutton.
Sec.—A. B. Failing.
S. D.—E. Matson.
J. D.—Geo. Wilbur.
Tyler—A. L. Pond.
Stewards—M. Brenner, A. L. Collen.

Odd Cancellation

From 1871 to 1891 the stamps of Afghanistan were canceled by having a piece of paper torn or cut out of them. In 1892 Afghanistan adopted the modern method of canceling stamps with ink.

THROUGH A Woman's Eyes

By JEAN NEWTON

ON THE USES OF A TRUTH SERUM

A WOMAN under the anesthetic which we call "twilight sleep" had just given birth to a baby. The doctor wanted to weigh the baby and asked for the scales. Nobody knew where they were. Suddenly the mother, still "asleep," spoke up and said, "They are in the kitchen on the wall behind the picture." For some time afterwards she continued "asleep" and remembered nothing of the incident.

All of which gave the doctor an idea with which he began experimenting. The result was the discovery that under the drug scopalamine people must tell the truth. It seems it puts to sleep certain sections of the brain, including that "high resistance zone" with which we tell untruths, but leaves wide open the paths leading to the area where memories are stored away. Therefore under its influence people unconsciously tell the truth—they cannot tell anything else—and science has found a "truth serum."

The most important implications of the discovery are, of course, its possibilities in the detection of criminals. But most women will share our impulse to speculate on how far-reaching would be its use nearer home.

Think what it would mean to a girl to be able to put her suitors to sleep with the truth serum. She would soon know just what it is like about her mother—and any reservations they may have on the rights of husbands. Think, later, of the advantage of a wife who can give her husband a whiff of the truth serum before he goes to sleep. The effect on the poker of the nation might be surprising.

And the social possibilities of the truth serum are positively enormous. Imagine being able to use it on your friends. How much time we should save in finding out the real ones.

To me this is one of the most promising of modern scientific discoveries. It behooves us all to make preparations for the time when we shall all have to submit to the truth serum.

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TRY THIS TRICK

By PONJAY HARRAH

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KNOCK AWAY COIN

THE magician spins a coin on the table. He strikes it flat with a match box. He asks whether the coin lies heads or tails. People guess; the box is lifted to find the answer.

Again the coin is spun. Down comes the box. Once more guesses are made; some heads, some tails. "All wrong," says the wizard. He lifts the box; the coin has vanished.

In preparing for this surprising trick, the magician first empties the matches from the box; then inserts the drawer upside down. After a few preliminary spins, he is ready to make the coin vanish.

He brings the box sharply down upon the spinning coin. The stroke causes the coin to cut through the bottom of the match box. The magician lifts the box and drops it in his pocket while he points to the spot from which the coin has vanished.

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Do You Know—

That the term "Dixie" for the South originated from a bank note issued by a New Orleans bank in the early days? These notes were printed in French and English and bore the French word for ten, "Dix." They became known as "Dixies" and the South as Dixieland.

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STATE NEWS BULLETIN

ATWOOD GIVES MORE TIME FOR '35 TAGS

Extension of one month of the deadline for the purchase of 1936 automobile license plates has been granted by Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of State. The order specifies that new plates must be purchased by midnight, Friday, January 31, if cars are to be driven. Other states will be notified of Atwood's decision, and will be requested to be guided by it, so far as Michigan plates are concerned. Motorists contemplating driving out of Michigan any time after January 1, however, are cautioned that inconvenience may result if they carry 1935 plates; in many states, January 1 is the absolute deadline each year.

Atwood warned that further extension after January 31 is not contemplated, calling attention to the fact that 1936 plates were placed on sale this year far earlier than in previous years, as a device for aiding the motor industry which placed its 1936 models on the market considerably in advance of the date in previous years.

Because of the advanced date for placing 1936 plates on sale, the final date for purchase of it is a natural consequence that the plates will also be advanced this year. The law permits extension of 60 days after January 1, in the discretion of the Secretary of State. At the time the law was enacted, however, new plates were being placed on sale in December of the preceding year; this year, sale of plates was started much in advance of that date.

Stickers, or half-year permits, may of course be purchased for half the price of plates, which would defer until August 1 the necessity for payment of the other half of the plate cost.

NOTICE OF SALE FOR STORAGE CHARGES

Notice is Hereby Given, That sale of the following, to-wit:

One (1) Plymouth gasoline locomotive, will be made on the 30th day of January, 1936, at ten o'clock A. M., at the engine house of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, at Grayling, Michigan; that charges against said property are as follows: storage to date of sale \$50.00, costs of advertising, posting notices, etc., and That the property hereinbefore mentioned is the property of the Northern Salvage Company, a partnership, composed of Harry F. Helper and Harold G. Jarmin.

Dated: December 16, 1935.

Louis E. Berry, Attorney for Michigan Central Railroad Company. Business Address: Masonic Temple Building, Cheboygan, Michigan.

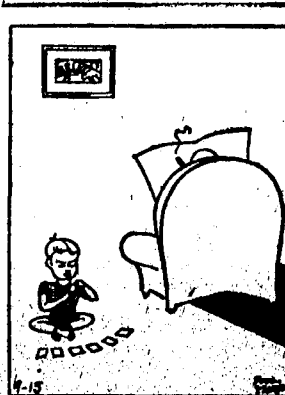
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Silk Crepe Dress



Chic black is accented with rhinestones in this attractive dress of suede surface silk crepe. The shirring down the front of the bodice and at the top of the sleeves repeats the idea of the front shirring in the skirt.

PAPA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is a mortgage?" "Big overhead."

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THE RIGHTS OF ALL

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

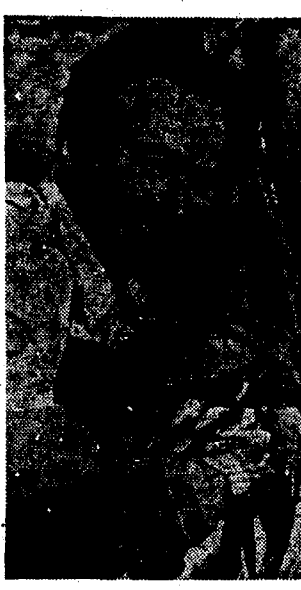
THE world of all, and then our kind. Our nation, then our state. And then our town, for so we find The good that makes us great. The rights of all We must recall. And not a single race. Our country love. Yet thinking of Each mortal in each place.

But, if the place consider just Itself, the man his own, The land will crumble into dust, For none can stand alone. If for a class And not the mass We legislate and plan, Then gone the things We tore from kings, Then gone the rights of man.

Mankind must take a larger view To prosper and progress, For selfishness is nothing new, And nothing much to bless. The rights of all We must recall. Not for a few contrive, The rights secure Of rich and poor, Or neither will survive.

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Champion Husker



Elmer Carlsen of Audubon, Iowa, won the world's corn husking championship at the contest at Newtown, Ind., by husking 41.52 bushels of yellow Indiana corn. This was a new world's record. Carlsen is twenty-six years old and weighs 178 pounds, and this was his first try at national honors.



"The honeymoon is over," says newlywed Nan, "when your husband starts reading the sports pages again."

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Progress of Patent Business The United States patent office was 121 years issuing the first million patents; but another million went through the patent mill in the next 24 years.

Twenty-three Years ago Come Christmas Altes Lager said, "Merry Xmas." Today Altes Lager Says to you And yours, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



Altes Lager
Made by the brewers of TIVOLI Pilsner
THE BEER IN THE GREEN BOTTLE

Leon Chappel, Distributor
Grayling, Mich.

"Little Stories for Bedtime" by Thornton W. Burgess

THE HUNTER LOSES HIS TEMPER

THE hunter, hidden near the pond of Paddy the Beaver, chuckled silently. That is to say, he laughed without making any sound. He had watched Mr. and Mrs. Quack feeding along the edge of the pond down toward Paddy's dam, behind the end of which Reddy Fox had been hidden. Reddy had been waiting for those Ducks just as the hunter himself was waiting for Lightfoot the Deer. Then along came Sammy Jay and spied Reddy



Mr. and Mrs. Quack Called Their Thanks to Sammy.

Fox. At once he had begun to scream at the top of his lungs, "Thief! Thief! Thief!" Mr. and Mrs. Quack had understood him perfectly. They swam out to the middle of the pond while Reddy Fox, knowing that it was useless to stay longer with Sammy Jay about, had snarled angrily and then taken himself off through the Green Forest.

The hunter thought it a great joke on Reddy. To tell the truth, he was very much pleased. He wanted those Ducks himself. He suspected that they would stay in that pond for some days, and he planned to return there and shoot them after he had got Lightfoot the Deer. He wanted to get Light-

foot first, and he knew that to shoot at anything else might spoil his chance of getting a shot at Lightfoot.

"Sammy Jay did me a good turn," thought the hunter, "although he doesn't know it. Reddy Fox certainly would have caught one of those Ducks had Sammy not come along just when he did. It would have been a shame to have one of them caught by that fox. I mean to get one and, I hope, both of them myself."

Now when you come to think of it, it would have been a far greater shame for the hunter to have killed Mr. and Mrs. Quack than for Reddy Fox to have done so. Reddy was hunting them because he was hungry. The hunter would have shot them for sport. He didn't need them. He had plenty of other food. Reddy Fox never kills just for the pleasure of killing.

So the hunter continued to sit in his hiding place with very friendly feelings for Sammy Jay. Sammy watched Reddy Fox disappear and then flew over to that side of the pond where the hunter was. Mr. and Mrs. Quack called their thanks to Sammy, to which he replied that he had done no more for them than he would do for anybody, or than they would have done for him.

For some time Sammy sat quietly in the top of the tree, but all the time his sharp eyes were very busy. By and by, he spied the hunter sitting on the log. At first he couldn't make out just what it was he was looking at. It didn't move, nevertheless Sammy was suspicious. Presently he flew over to a tree where he could see better. Right away he spied the terrible gun and he knew just what it was.

Once more he began to yell, "Thief! Thief! Thief!" at the top of his lungs. It was then that the hunter lost his temper. He knew that, now he had been discovered by Sammy Jay, it was useless to remain there. He was angry clear through. He no longer had a friendly feeling for Sammy Jay.

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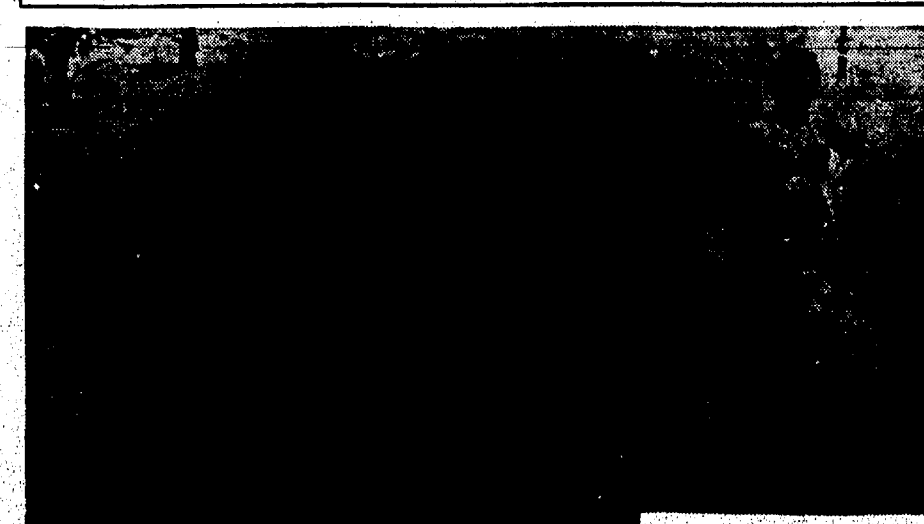
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"Save Your Old Inner Tubes," Says Miami



THREE girls at the Roney Pines Cabana Sun club in Miami Beach, Fla., looking for something new to swim in, have taken discarded inner tubes of automobile tires and are fashioning them into the latest in bathing suits.

"Doll Library" in the City of Brotherly Love

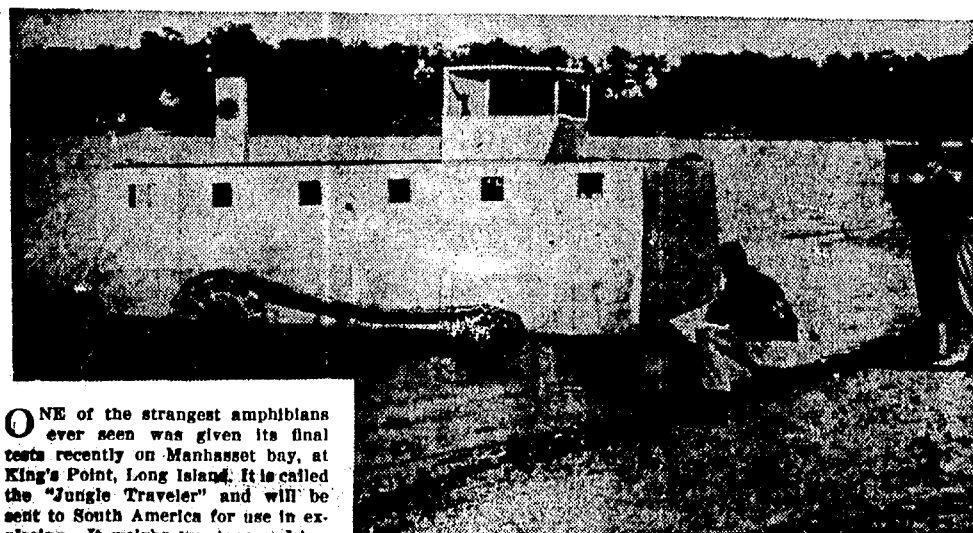
IN PHILADELPHIA is to be found the only "doll library" in the world, and it is patronized by about 200 poor children. The dolls are lent to them for a week and then may be exchanged for others if they have been kept clean and unbroken. The photograph shows Paul D. Shriver, originator of the library, with some of the little ones waiting for dolls.

Chicago School Children Must Salute Flag

THE board of education of Chicago adopted a resolution that the pupils in all the city's schools must salute the American flag each day. This scene is in the Ogden school, where the children are of many nationalities.

Taxless Heaven Is Sought by Millionaires

Robert Hathaway. The picture which is shown herewith is of the little harbor of Le Creux, island of Sark.

"Jungle Traveler" Is Craft of New Type

ONE of the strangest amphibians ever seen was given its final tests recently on Manhasset bay, at King's Point, Long Island. It is called the "Jungle Traveler" and will be sent to South America for use in exploring. It weighs two tons and has a speed of 15 miles an hour in traveling on land and approximately eight miles while on the water.

Coal Is the Remnant of Prehistoric Plant Life

Coal is what is left of prehistoric plant life that has been subjected to subterranean temperatures and pressures for millions of years, notes a writer in the Chicago Tribune. The geologists know that because there are scattered throughout coal the fossilized forms of leaves, ferns, and even tree trunks. To say nothing of assorted vermin of that far-off day. Furthermore, coal in all stages of evolution has been found. There is peat, which is nothing more than a brown, spongy, water-soaked mass of decayed vegetation. There is lignite, or brown coal, which is so soft that it can readily be crumbled by the fingers. There is bituminous or soft coal, which is black in color but still fairly easy to powder. And, as a last stage, there is anthracite, which is a hard, flinty material, the composition of which is almost pure carbon. These changes are undergone by wood in its evolution into anthracite. Coal steadily loses oxygen and hydrogen. This means that water, carbon dioxide, and probably some hydrogen-rich natural gas have been steadily baked and squeezed out of the coal, until its composition approaches that of pure carbon.

Color-Blindness Affects People in Various Ways

People who are color-blind were not very pleased when colored traffic signals were introduced and since beacons have been in general use their troubles have increased. Inability to distinguish between colors is more common than most of us suppose. More men than women are victims of it.

There are people who are color-blind in only one eye. For instance, while their left eye may see red as red, their right sees it as black. The story is told of a famous Quaker chemist who was color-blind and had only three normal color sensations.

A pink flower looked blue to him and when he cut his chin one day he saw green blood flowing from the wound.

Instances of colored vision are not uncommon. Some people always see as though they were looking through green or red glass.—Pearson's Weekly.

Heat Lizards

The idea regarding heat lizards, which are seen living in ovens and running around inside the oven when the oven door is open, is a myth which is due to a misunderstanding regarding the nature and habits of the salamander, plus an optical illusion. The salamander was formerly supposed to be impervious to fire and actually live in ovens. This idea was undoubtedly caused by the fact that these amphibians occasionally crawl into houses in the winter time in search of warmth and seek refuge in hearths. The misconception was no doubt further heightened by the brilliant orange or scarlet color of some species. As a matter of fact, neither the salamander nor any other animal is impervious to fire, and the so-called heat lizards are entirely an optical illusion.—Washington Star.

Porcelain Tower of Nanking

The Porcelain Tower of Nanking was designed by the Emperor Yung-lo (1403-28) on a previously sacred site to commemorate the virtues of his mother. It was begun in 1413 and destroyed during the Taiping rebellion. The tower was octagonal in shape, about 260 feet high. Its outer walls cased with the finest white porcelain bricks. Each of the nine stories in which the building was divided was marked by overhanging eaves of green glazed tiles.

Gypsum

Gypsum, a white, rocklike mineral, on heating gives plaster of paris, which is easily converted back into gypsum by the addition of water. This process makes possible the manufacture of relatively thin sheets of gypsum of any size, which, because of their lightness and insulating properties, are quite useful for wallboards and roofing. Mixed with suitable binding materials, gypsum is a competitor of concrete for certain kinds of flooring.

Inconsistent Laws

In courts of law, an expert is defined as one whose knowledge is based on "experience and practice." Yet in a number of states today, says Harry Greenspan, New York City, in Collier's Weekly, a physician who has practiced only one year and who has never performed an operation is allowed to testify in cases of surgical malpractice and to criticize or commend the methods used by a defendant physician.

Woman Wears Size 21 Shoes

A woman has won the doubtful honor of possessing the largest feet in Great Britain. The Morning Post reports that a Durham woman confesses to a size 21. Her shoes are made on special lasts and are 10 1/4 inches long. The firm making this woman's shoes made lasts for size 15 shoes for a north country woman four years ago.

THROUGH A Woman's Eyes

By JEAN NEWTON

WHAT ELSE BUT TO LAUGH?

A YOUNG wife had prepared her first "company dinner"—and for her husband's family.

The "piece de resistance" was a turkey; turkey with a chestnut dressing. Laboriously she had shopped for it, gone over and over the recipe guaranteed to be "fool-proof."

When the great hour came, the platter was quite heavy, and carefully, lovingly, she placed it into the hands of young husband. "Only be careful!" she admonished in a hushed voice.

Hubby tried to be, but he too was excited. Exactly what happened as he crossed the door-sill into the dining room will never be known. Nobody could tell at the moment. All we know is that the platter crashed to the floor just on the border surrounding the rug and the turkey slid along, spattering dressing and juice from the smashed bird with the broken china—along the polished surface.

All eyes turned to the young wife who at the sound of the crash dashed in from the kitchen. And what did she do? For half a moment she stood rigid, her eyes closed. And then—she laughed. Not a dramatic, hysterical laugh, just laughter, full of good nature, taking a joke. And the first comment was, "I don't see how she can do it."

Now come to think of it, what else could she do? Rage? Abuse her already stricken young husband? To what purpose? And to the end merely of ruining the party which meant so much to them both. No, she did the only thing possible to save the day. She laughed—and said quite evenly, "It doesn't matter, John. Run down to the delicatessen and get a couple of roast chickens." Almost as soon as the floor was cleaned up the tragedy was forgotten, the roast chickens served the purpose, the evening was saved.

And the young wife had won the respect and admiration of her husband's family to a greater extent than the most expertly prepared turkey could have done for her.

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Mother's Cook Book

ARTISTRY IN COOKERY

THE cook who really enjoys mixing ingredients as a painter does his colors will find no limit to the delightful dishes which one may originate or enlarge upon with the materials at hand. One must follow a few fundamental principles in cookery, and after that let the imagination sweep; for there is no end to inspiration.

After some experience with handling foods, most toothsome dishes may be prepared from bits of leftovers. The cook who wastes nothing, but serves her food in a dainty, appetizing manner, is a real genius and her talents are ever in demand.

It is not always wise to tell all one knows as to the contents of a dish, for some conscientious objectors will refuse to try a made-over dish, or rearranged food.

Now, who will dare to call a steamed pudding a leftover? Yet one may prepare a most tasty one with a few squares of corn bread, a cupful of leftover cocoa, a bit of oatmeal, a few raisins and a couple of egg yolks left from some icing or dessert.

Use the things you have at hand—anyone who knows little about foods can prepare a good meal if the market can be called upon with no regard to expense.

Do you use the half-cupful, more or less, of leftover ice cream in a cake or pudding?

Leftover custard may be used the next day for a pudding sauce.

As we should regard a good meal as important in itself, we will learn to appreciate and value the food that makes a good meal.

Accident is often the mother of new things, as the discovery of one woman when making a sponge cake that it was more fetching when the egg yolks were added separately and stirred in to make the cake streaked gold and white in appearance.

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PAPA KNOWS—

"Pop, what is a nibble?"
"Buying ten shares."
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PUBLIC ENEMIES**THE BRAGGART**

WATCH THE OL' BUS HIT. 70



"Watch her step," invites The Braggart. "She'll do 70—80—90—" and he proceeds to prove it. Pride in one's car is understandable but there is no excuse for "putting it through its paces" on the public highways. Such recklessness invites disaster.

Good drivers realize that a car's speed and power is there for their protection.



"The modern version seems to be," says Reno Ritz, "Go West, young lady, go West."

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BRONCHITIS! Never Worries Now

Mr. Clifford G. Morrison, Rainy River, Ont., has abundant reason to bless the day he heard of BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE. As the first sign of an attack he nips it in the bud with BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE. He says: "My experience with this wonderful medicine makes me always keep a bottle in the medicine chest—I never worry about bronchitis now."

If you are lying awake nights, racked to pieces with coughing, choked up until you can hardly breathe, just try BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE. You will be astonished how quickly the cough will stop, how your breathing will instantly ease.

There's nothing like Buckley's for quick, sure, safe relief. It acts like a flash—A single sip proves it. 45c and 85c at Mac & Gidley, druggists, and all good druggists—guaranteed.

STATE OF MICHIGAN Order of the Conservation Commission Regulating Use of Ice Lines

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation relative to fishing in the inland waters of the State, recommends certain regulations in regard to the use of ice lines. Therefore, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from January 1, 1936, the use of ice lines will be permitted only as follows:

"Ice lines, which shall be constructed to be not more than two single lines with single hook attached which may be used for the purpose of taking any kind of fish through the ice during their respective open seasons, when held in the hand or under immediate control. Provided, however, that in recognized smelt waters any number of hooks, attached to a single line, may be used for the taking of smelt."

Signed, sealed and ordered published this eleventh day of October, 1935.

P. J. Hoffmaster, Director of Conservation.
Conservation Commission by: Wm. H. Loutit, Chairman.
Ray E. Cotton, Secretary. 12-5-4

NOTICE

Township taxes are payable beginning Dec. 10th. I will be at Grayling Greenhouses from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. for collection of same.
12-5-4 Ernest Borchers, Treas.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by William H. Moshier and Hattie B. Moshier, husband and wife to William Lenartz and Freda Lenartz dated the 21st day of February A. D. 1925, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of February A. D. 1925 in Liber I of mortgages, on page 381 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of three hundred fifteen and 34/100 dollars, and an attorney's fee as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday the 8th day of February, A. D. 1936, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Crawford is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

Lot one of block eight of Hadley's Second Addition to the Village of Grayling, now City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

William Lenartz and Freda Lenartz, Mortgagees.

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Mortgagees, Grayling, Michigan. 11-14-13

Earthworms multiply by producing eggs which are laid in capsules in the ground. The young become fully grown in four or five months.

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Any information and first Proceedings in connection with this Court will be had at my office at Sorenson Bros.

GEORGE SORENSON
Judge of Probate

CHARLES E. MOORE
Attorney at Law

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Best Wishes for the Coming Year

As the New Year draws to a close amid the good cheer and fellowship of New Year, we desire to express anew our Gratitude for the many courtesies extended, for the cordial relations we have enjoyed, for the new friends made and old friendships more closely cemented, and wish for one and all the Happiest and most Prosperous New Year you have ever known.

NICK.

Specials

GRANULATED SUGAR, 25 lb. sack\$1.32
LARD, per pound17c and 15c
BUTTER, lb.37c
COFFEE, Circle W, lb.15c
POTATOES, pk.15c
FLOUR, Our Special Family, sack88c
FLOUR, Crescent Pancake, 5 lb. sack23c
OATMEAL, 5 lb. sack22c
PEPPER, Ground Black, lb.19c
FRESH EGGS, per doz.31c
DATES, Bulk, Pitted, 2 lbs.25c
COCOA, Our Moters, 2 lb. can18c
CODFISH, whole, per lb.19c
TEA, Japan Empress, pkg.23c
MICH. TOMATOES, large can11c
MICH. CATSUP, 2 bottles25c
PALMOLIVE SOAP, 4 bars19c
POWDERED SUGAR, 3 lbs.25c
MACARONI, Bulk, 3 lbs.20c
BABO CLEANER, 2 cans16c
TOILET PAPER, pkg, 4 rolls19c
DILL PICKLES, qt. jar14c
SWEET PICKLES, qt. jar23c
KEROSENE, per gal.12c

At **Nick's**
The Pure Food Store
No Delivery ... No Credit

WINNERS IN MAC & GIDLEY CONTEST

Another pleasant contest was put on by Mac & Gidley, this Christmas time gladdening the hearts of 18 boys and girls, who won the beautiful prizes that were offered. Following are the winners:

Boys	Prizes
Alfred Hanson, bicycle	18,620
Thomas Whipple, train	11,052
George Ackers, tool chest	6,510
"Corky" Peterson, chemist	6,490
Jack Perry, mail train	5,680
Vernor Rasmussen, locomotive	5,480

Roger Bradow, movie projector	4,990
Dick Rasmussen, punching bag	4,830
Jas. Kernosky, scooter	3,345
Girls	Prizes
Beatrice Decker, Patsy Mae doll	6,390
Eleanor Bugby, Patsy Lou doll	5,050
Gwen Ahman, stove	5,005
Gloria Kennedy, baby doll	4,270
Pat Mallinger, wardrobe trunk	3,620
Sally Chappel, typewriter	2,790
Alma Bidvia, bank	2,595
Shirley Young, Mother's helper	2,280
Ruth LaMotte, nurse outfit	1,680



We have enjoyed your business during the year of 1935 and wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to every customer. We are on the threshold of 1936. Every move we make will be toward a better year in 1936 than we experienced during the past 12 months. Visit our store frequently—take advantage of the many good buys we will offer to you. In that manner we will give to you our expression of our appreciation for your patronage of 1935—better service, better bargains, better goods than ever. Make Sorenson's your buying headquarters next year and you'll be the winner.

Sorenson's Furniture Store
Grayling, Mich.

NEWS BRIEFS

THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1935

The "life" of a Christmas tree can be extended for at least a week if it is set in water when brought into the house.

Dance at the Lovella Town hall, benefit Cheerful Givers Club, Dec. 27. Music by the "Poki-Dots." 35c per couple. Free lunch.

Santa, in his early travels Christmas Eve, left an 8½ pound daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen. Greta Bernadette is her name.

Santa Claus sauntered around the streets the forepart of the week evidently watching the actions of boys and girls. He seemed to be smiling so evidently they all were pretty good. He was getting ready for the big community party.

With ever-changing weather conditions which have been prevalent for the past few weeks there have been a number of sick folks. Among those who have been confined to their homes recently are Mrs. Ernest Borchers, Mrs. James Knibbs, and George Burke.

Judge Victor D. Sprague, of Cheboygan, will serve as Circuit Judge at the next term of court, January 14th, because of the illness of Judge Guy E. Smith. The latter, whose home is in Gladwin, is at present at a Saginaw hospital but is expecting to go to Florida soon to remain for the remainder of the winter.

Consumers of fuel oil should thank Nick Schjotz for getting reduced prices. Fuel oil has been selling for 9.9c per gallon. Nick got into touch with the McClanahan Oil Co., where he got a rate of 7c per gallon. This latter price is now being met by other oil companies. This means a saving of many thousands of dollars to Grayling fuel oil users.

Children of the catechism classes of St. Mary's church made a very successful appearance at their program, which was held Sunday afternoon at Burke's show rooms. The program was very well attended and especially well delivered. Following the entertainment the children were presented with bags of candy and nuts. A sparkling Christmas tree was the big attraction.

The Avalanche acknowledges receipt of a greeting that is very clever in its originality from Benny Jorgenson, who after studying art in Detroit for several months, is now employed by a firm of commercial artists there, known as Carl-Guide. His amateur pencil sketches, done while in Grayling, drew a lot of attention and his friends will be pleased to learn that he is meeting with success.

The local corps of firemen entertained their wives and children at a Christmas party, Wednesday evening of last week, at the Band Hall. By the subdued light of the Christmas tree, presents and bags of candy, nuts, and apples were presented to the children by old Santa, himself. After a very pleasant evening a delicious lunch was served. The affair was very well attended and all report a very good time.

The children of the Free Methodist church entertained, Sunday afternoon, with a Christmas program under the direction of Supt. and Mrs. Belleville, for the benefit of the members and their guests. All practicing was done at home under the direction of the parents and the youngsters deserve a lot of credit for their part in the program. Gifts were presented to the children following the program with bags of candy and nuts for everyone. Words of appreciation and a rising vote of thanks were given for Mrs. Rasmusson for her thoughtfulness as it was through her kind generosity that the Christmas treat was possible.



We have seen many Old Years pass out and many New Years come and each time we have sincere appreciation of the passed and hope for the new arrival.

And the same with you, kind friends, we sincerely appreciate your cordial friendliness of the past and look forward in hope of your continued patronage and with sincere wishes for you a happy and prosperous New Year.

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South Side Locals

Mrs. Percy Budd is ill at her home with the flu.

Mrs. Laura Parker spent last week visiting friends at Alba.

Millard Hall, of Detroit, is spending this week with his family.

Miss Doris Goshorn, of Detroit, is spending the holiday week at her home.

Earl Gierke, who is teaching at McTain, is spending the holiday week at his home.

John Murphy, of Kalkaska, made Christmas calls at the home of Wilbur Broadbent and George Plant.

Charles Wylie is enjoying his vacation from his scholastic duties at Olivet and is visiting at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barber, Miss Lavina Rood and Arthur Zankow spent Saturday evening visiting at Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Korhonen are very happy over the arrival of a 7½ pound daughter, born Christmas day.

Mrs. Edna McEvers is enjoying a visit from her brother, Arza Alexander, of West Branch, who came to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Simpson and family spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Simpson, at Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nelson and children enjoyed Christmas at Frederic, guests of Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Mathews and family spent Christmas at Rose City, at the home of Mrs. Mathews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marden.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Larsen are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Larsen's brother, Louis Short, of Whittemore, who came to spend Christmas.

Ben Giester, of Alger, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence VanAmberg, and plans to remain for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolcott are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Wolcott's brother, Truman Ingram and Mrs. Ingram, who plan to make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Benware and daughter Helen Ann, left Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with Mr. Benware's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Benware, at Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wakeley and daughter Lucille spent Christmas at Red Oak, where they were guests at the home of Mrs. Wakeley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Cral.

Mr. and Mrs. John Papendick and family, Mrs. Dan Brado and son Bruce and Leo Skinner, spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Skinner, at Maple Forest.

Guests over the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larsen are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Connin and son Robert Lee, of Adrian, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krome and son Carlton, of Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Papendick, enjoyed a visit, last Thursday, from the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Skinner, of Maple Forest, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spague and son Vern, of Atlanta.

Miss Irene Leach, who is training for nurse at the St. Joseph Hospital in Detroit, visited her sister, Mrs. Paul Hendrickson, the first part of the week. She left Wednesday for her home at Kalkaska to spend her vacation.

Clarence VanAmberg drove to Alger, Sunday, where he visited at the home of Mrs. VanAmberg's brother, Bud Giester. He was accompanied by Duane Wainwright who will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wainwright, at Standish.

Mrs. Edna McEvers and Mrs. Devere Wolcott were hostesses, last Thursday evening, at a party honoring Mrs. Byron Randolph. The affair was held at the home of Mrs. William Randolph and over twenty ladies were present. Games were enjoyed with prizes being won by Mrs. Patrick McKee, Mrs. John Erkes, Mrs. Edna McEvers, and Mrs. Ben Pankow. After a very pleasant evening a delightful lunch was served by the hostesses. Mrs. Randolph was presented with many lovely gifts which were tendered in Christmas style from a miniature Christmas tree.

Personals

Conrad Howse, of Maple Forest, is very ill at his home.

Dr. J. F. Cook spent Christmas with his parents at Alpena.

Dan Wurzburg, of Rockford, spent the holiday with his family.

George Burke has been confined to his bed with a severe cold for several days.

Henry Ahman, of Saginaw, spent Christmas at the parental home.

Dorothy Morris is visiting relatives at Cheboygan for over the Christmas holiday.

Benny Jorgenson of Detroit spent Christmas day at the home of his mother, Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redde and son spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Letina, at South Branch.

Mrs. Frank Lydell enjoyed a brief visit, Tuesday, from Miss Maxine Adams and Bob O'Dell, of Detroit.

Miss Irene McKay of Mercy Hospital enjoyed Christmas at St. Charles, at the home of her mother.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker were Mrs. Decker's sister, Mrs. Dewey Miller, and husband, of South Branch.

Mrs. Fred Catlin, of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell, having come for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaMotte, of Beaver Creek, spent the Christmas holiday at Clare, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers enjoyed a visit over the week end from Mrs. McEvers' sister, Miss Margaret Worthey, of Horseshoe Lake.

Mrs. Florence Wakeley and daughter Dorothy spent the holiday at Flint visiting at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Claude VanPatten.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yuill and twin daughters, of Vanderbilt, spent the yuletide at the home of Mrs. Yuill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziebell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow and little daughter Cora Ann of Detroit are Christmas guests of Mrs. LaGrow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Heriuf Sorenson and daughter, Elma Mae, spent Christmas at Cadillac, where they visited at the home of Mrs. Sorenson's sister, Mrs. Ralph Jamieson.

Miss Anna Nelson, of Grand Rapids, arrived Saturday to spend the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson. Her brother, A. J. Nelson, drove to Kalkaska to meet her.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wurzburg and daughter, Mrs. Andrew Brown, and Roy Brown spent the holiday at Northport, where they were guests of Mr. Wurzburg's mother, Mrs. Eva Wurzburg.

Miss Agda Johnson, who has been visiting at the home of her brother, Sigurd Johnson, at Muskegon, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Johnson spent Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lozon and son Jackie, of Maple Forest, were guests Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Lozon's father, Henry Jordan.

Miss Elida Johnson, of Frederic, left the first of the week for Grand Rapids, where she will visit for some time with relatives and friends. While there she will be a guest of Bud Bearss, formerly of Camp AuSable.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bissonette, spent Saturday evening at Gaylord where they visited at the home of Mr. Bissonette's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Bedore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bissonette entertained a few friends at a "bean supper" at their home Monday evening, after which they spent a very enjoyable evening. All report a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser and family left Monday to spend several days with relatives at Traverse City and Battle Creek. They were accompanied to Traverse City by Miss June Nelson, who had been visiting here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Failing and daughter Ellen, of Grayville, Ill., arrived Tuesday to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing. Mr. Failing is a foreman at Camp N.E.C.W., at Grayville and is also a forester.

Miss Elaine Reagan, who attends U. of M. at Ann Arbor, is spending the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. Robert Reagan. Mrs. Reagan went to Detroit Saturday to meet Miss Elaine.

Twenty-two hunters have lost their lives during the hunting season so far this year. Nearly all of these fatalities were due to gun accidents.

Mrs. Charles Kinnee celebrated her birthday anniversary Christmas day, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappel, where she and her daughters were dinner guests.

BEEN GRANTED OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Following are those who have been granted old age assistance this month:

Mary A. Cassidy, Charles A. Smith, Elmer E. Ostrander, Gilbert D. Vallad, Eugene L. Buckley, Fannie A. Buckley, Henrietta Leeman, Daniel Jarmin, David Liphardt, William Fairbotham Sr., Frank R. Deckrow, Bradley Price, Conrad Howse, Martin V. Heltzel.

Mrs. Verna Barber, inspector for Crawford county, was busy the forepart of the week in order to get the checks distributed in time for Christmas.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year



In grateful appreciation of the courtesies you have extended to us in the past, we welcome an opportunity to thank you for that measure of good will and confidence we have enjoyed from you.

From this priceless asset—the good will of all those whom we serve and of those who serve us—we hope to draw inspiration for continued effort and for greater achievement.

We desire to extend to you the Compliments of the Season and express our sincere wishes for your prosperity and happiness for the coming year.

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Directed by David Butler
From the famous stage success by Edward Pape

Sun.-Mon. and Tue. **Dec. 29-30-31**



Thanks for all favors in the past Year! Hope 1936 will be good to all.

CHRIS W. OLSEN
Central Drug Store

Jan. 1—British army mobilization sent into effect.
 Jan. 11—Austrian government massacred 100,000 Czechs.
 Jan. 15—Greek expedition sailed for New Zealand after 19 months in Antwerp.
 Jan. 16—Greek planned army of 100,000, with militia running into 200,000.
 Jan. 16—Germans staged wild celebration hailing return of territory to Germany.
 Jan. 16—Revolution broke out in Greece.
 Jan. 16—King Pradjatphol of Siam abdicated and retired to private life in Siam.
 March 5—Greek troops defeat rebels in Macedonia.
 March 11—Greek eleven years old named king of Siam.
 March 15—Greek rebellion ended when Venizelos fled.
 March 15—Greek government conscripted army of 500,000.
 April 2—Austrian cabinet decided to increase army over strength allowed by treaty of St. Germain.
 April 18—Germany began building submarines in defiance of peace treaty.
 Larraux cabinet in Spain resigned.
 May 1—Kleuthmacher called on Venizelos to death for part in Greek revolt.
 May 6—Celebration of silver jubilee for King George of Great Britain began.
 May 11—Thirty-three Greek naval officers condemned to death for part in revolt.
 May 18—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia ordered freedom for all slaves.
 May 24—Crown Prince Frederic of Denmark and Princess Ingrid of Sweden married.
 May 28—Premier Pindin of France defeated by chamber of deputies in financial crisis, resigned with his cabinet.
 May 31—Bouissoux formed new French cabinet.
 June 1—French cabinet ousted by chamber of deputies.
 June 6—Pierre Laval formed new French government.
 June 10—Princess Baldwin succeeded as Ramsey MacDonald as prime minister of Great Britain.
 June 11—French cabinet revoked banishment of Hapsburgs and restored their properties.
 Aug. 1—French government pushed ban on all religious youth organizations.
 Aug. 2—Law for new government of Media enacted by British parliament.
 Aug. 16—Revolt against King Zog of Albania crushed.
 Aug. 31—Ecuador army officers arrested President Ibarra for trying to be dictator and installed Antonio Poma as successor.
 Aug. 29—Queen Astrid of Belgium killed in automobile accident.
 Sept. 1—British women workers given the franchise.
 Sept. 3—Dr. Chaim Weizmann elected president of World Zionist organization.
 Sept. 18—German reichstag passed laws making the swastika the national emblem, forbidding marriages of Jews to Aryans, and setting up three classes of German citizens.
 Sept. 17—Mannuel Quezon elected to be first president of Philippine republic.
 Oct. 18—Federico Passer became military dictator of Ecuador.
 Oct. 16—Greek republic upset by military dictatorship of monarcharchy decreed by national assembly.
 Oct. 14—Premier R. B. Bennett of Conservative party defeated in parliamentary elections by Liberals led by Mackenzie King.
 Oct. 23—Liberal government headed by Mackenzie King installed in Canada.
 Nov. 15—Greece voted for recall of King George.
 Nov. 1—Chancellor Hitler of Germany dissolved the Steel Helmets and veterans' groups.
 Nov. 15—King George II accepted call to Greek throne.
 Nov. 12—Serious Egyptian riot against British domination.
 Nov. 14—British Conservatives and Prime Minister Baldwin won parliamentary election.
 Nov. 15—Commonwealth of the Philippines established and Manuel Quezon inaugurated as president.
 Nov. 15—British announced provincial autonomy for 15 counties in eastern Nepal provinces of China.
 Nov. 15—Revolt broke out in north eastern Brazil.
 Nov. 23—King George II returned to the throne of Greece.
 Nov. 23—King George II started new "purga," arresting hundreds.
 Revolt in Brazil continued, 125 killed.
 Dec. 1—Great Britain ordered naval reservist officers to report for duty.
 Hans Kertl, German church director, decreed censorship for pastors' letters.
 Dec. 6—Church of England communion rejected claim of women to enter priesthood.
 Dec. 1—British chamber of deputies dissolved all semi-military organizations.
 Dec. 1—Kai-shek became premier of China.
 Dec. 7—Hepel and Chahar province, northern China, set up autonomous government.
 Dec. 10—London silver market closed.
 Dec. 11—Carlos Mandato resigned as president of Cuba.
 Dec. 12—King Fuzal decreed restoration of constitutional government.
 Dec. 14—Barst, Great Britain, consoling.
 Dec. 14—President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.
 Dec. 15—Eduard Benes elected president of Czechoslovakia.
 North China autonomy council

Miss Mildred Corwin, of Lansing, is spending the holidays at her home.

Howard Schmidt spent Christmas in Detroit, where he was a guest of his sister, Miss Marie.

Miss Marie Eisenbach spent Christmas at her home at Saginaw.

Captain John Spielman, of Lansing, spent the holiday with friends.

Miss Margaret Cassidy, of Lansing, spent the Christmas holidays at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schroeder are spending the holiday weeks at Grand Rapids, where they are visiting both their parents.

Miss Helen Johnson, of Lansing, is visiting at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson.

Mrs. James Bugby and Miss Eva Swanson made a business trip to Roscommon, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trudgen left for Detroit, Wednesday, where Mr. Trudgen will be busy with matters pertaining to the Winter Sports program.

Mrs. Fred Hanselman of Detroit spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour.

Ladies Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will meet on Friday, Jan. 10th instead of the first Friday in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell are spending their holiday vacation at Gagetown, where they are guests of Mrs. Cornell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman.

Guests over the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Galehouse were the former's sister, Mrs. Edward Beach, and husband, of Lawton.

Misses Margrethe and Ellen Hanson of Lansing enjoyed the yuletide at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Announcement has been made of the birth, Dec. 19, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bissonette of Flint. The boy will be named as Edward Loren, and weighed ten pounds.

Guests over the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Clark and son Jack, and Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Braime, of Watervliet.

Miss Clara Bugby, of Flint, is home spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bugby. Charles David, who accompanied her, returned home after spending Christmas here.

Mrs. W. P. Evans and son Roger, of Toledo, spent the holiday with the former's mother, Mrs. R. S. Babbitt. Earl Demoe of Toledo, was also a guest at the Babbitt home.

On the last page of this issue of the Avalanche appears a chronological report of the events of this year. A review of the report will renew one's memory of the most important events of the year 1935 with exception of the few remaining days.

Mrs. Frank Barnett celebrated her birthday anniversary quietly at her home, Sunday. However, the occasion was made very festive with a lovely birthday cake "and all the trimmings."

Mrs. Barnett received many nice gifts.

George Burke lets his generosity run in wide channels. Not being satisfied in heading the plan for remembering the kiddies of Crawford and Roscommon counties, he had his men drive to Gaylord where he was Santa Claus to the kiddies of that city. Over 500 bags of candies and nuts were given out there. We know George doesn't want to commercialize on his benevolence but it does seem that he should get a few Ford orders from Gaylord as well as in Grayling.

As to the weather—it's delightful. While the early hours of Christmas morning the temperature dropped to 10 below zero, it moderated considerably before Santa Claus got all his delivering done. This morning it was 12 above zero at the Fish hatchery, and a light, fluffy snow was falling that reached about six inches in depth by this noon. The winter scenery is most beautiful today. Tree branches are heavily laden with the beautiful which is undisturbed by the still air, while the smoke from chimneys climbs to high altitudes. The scenery is gorgeous wherever one looks. Except for the background of the Alps it can't be excelled even in beautiful Switzerland. It's great to be in the north these days.

A Mescha Stone

A mescha stone is a variety of chalcedony containing infiltrated dendritic oxides of manganese and iron which give it the appearance of containing vegetable remains.

Prepare to surrender your heart! Shirley

LOVE

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY
DEC. 20, 21, 22

Sunday show continues from

Jan. 9—Alabama defeated Stanford in Rose Bowl football game at Pasadena.

Feb. 8—Sullivan trophy awarded Bill Bonthron of Princeton by A. A. U.

Feb. 23—Agnes won \$108,466 San Antonio.

March 7—Sir Malcolm Campbell broke own record at Daytona Beach driving car 218 miles an hour.

April 2—California beat Oxford annual shell race.

April 3—Gene Sarazen won men's first tournament at Augusta.

April 26—Jesse Owens of O. State set new American record in broad jump, 25 feet 1½ inches, Denver.

May 4—Omaha won the Kentucky derby.

June 13—Cannoner! regained light weight title by whipping Ambrose.

May 15—Jesse Owens of O. State set new world's record for hurdles.

May 31—University of Michigan and John Fischer won Big Ten championship.

May 22—Americans defeated Italian boxers, 5 to 1, in Golden Glove tournament.

May 25—Lawson Little of California again won British amateur golf title.

Jesse Owens of Ohio State set three new world records and another in Big Ten track meet which was won by University of Michigan.

May 27—Barney Ross whipped Jimmy McLarnin, regaining welterweight title.

June 2—Kip Seltillio won Indianapolis 500-mile auto race.

June 3—Minnesota won Big T basketball tournament.

June 5—Aga Khan's Bahram won English derby.

June 10—Ohio State won central intercollegiate track meet.

June 8—Sam Parks of Pittsburgh won open golf championship.

June 12—James L. Jackson won heavyweight championship from Max Baer.

June 15—Johnny Revolta, Milwaukee, won western open golf title.

June 18—University of California won the Poughkeepsie regatta.

June 19—Jimmy McHugh of Harvard won American derby in Chicago.

Date defeated Harvard in annual regatta.

June 25—Joe Louis defeated Primo Carnera in New York.

July 31—Charles Yates of Atlanta set new amateur golf title in Colorado Springs.

Aug. 23—English tennis team won Davis cup from Americans.

Aug.—Joe Louis stripped Kip Levinsky in one round at Chicago.

Aug. 17—American women retained title in English and retaining Wightman cup.

Aug. 26—Lou Salica won bantamweight title by beating Sixto Yncobar in New York.

Aug. 31—Mrs. Glenna Collett Vasey won women's national golf championship.

Sept. 3—Sir Malcolm Campbell regained set new world record in flying his biplane with his Bird automobile in Utah.

Sept. 11—Helen Jacobs retained women's national tennis championship.

Sept. 12—Wilmer Allison won national tennis championship.

Sept. 13—Tiger won national amateur golf title.

Sept. 19—Risiko won middleweight championship from Yaros in Pittsburgh.

Sept. 26—Detroit Tigers won American League pennant.

Oct. 1—Joe Louis knocked out Max Baer in fourth round at New York.

Oct. 17—Chicago Cubs won international League championship.

Sept. 29—American pro golf to win Ryder cup from British teams.

Oct. 1—Chicago Cubs defeated Detroit Tigers in first world series game.

Oct. 2—Tigers won second game from Cubs.

Oct. 4—Tigers won third world series game.

Oct. 5—Cannoner! defeated Al Rosen retaining lightweight title.

Oct. 6—Tigers won fourth game in series.

Oct. 6—Cubs captured fifth world series game.

Oct. 7—Detroit Tigers won sixth game in the world championship.

Oct. 23—John Revolta won national P. G. A. championship.

Nov. 1—Rito Revolta of Puerto Rico won bantamweight title from Lou Salica.

Nov. 19—Walker Cochran won world chess billiards championship in Chicago.

Nov. 21—Minnesota and Ohio State tied for top football titles.

Date defeated Harvard in football.

Nov. 20—Army beat Navy at football.

Dec. 3—A. A. U. voted for American participation in Olympic games in Germany. Avery Brundage objected.

Dec. 13—Joe Louis beat Paul Uscudun in New York.

Dec. 15—Detroit Lions won professional football.

Jan. 12—Amelia Earhart made solo night Honolulu to California in 18 hours 16 minutes.
Jan. 13—Jimmy Doolittle flew transport plane across United States in 11 hours 55 minutes.
Feb. 11—Leland S. Andrews broke Donald Douglas's transatlantic speed record by 34 minutes.
March 17—Pan-American Airways' Clipper plane flew from Alameda, Calif., to Honolulu.
March 20—Robert Piistedt flew Clipper plane from coast to coast in 18 hours 15 minutes.
May 1—Amelia Earhart made non-stop flight from Mexico City to Honolulu.
June 15—W. H. G. M. flew.
June 15—Pan-American Airways' Clipper plane started from Alameda.
June 15—Jimmy Doolittle flew.
June 15—Clipper plane reached Honolulu.
June 15—Pan-American Airways' Clipper plane.

Jan. 12—William Sprell, ex-president of Southern Pacific railroad.
Jan. 9—Hubert Von, painter, in New York.
Jan. 8—Mrs. Marcello Semberich, former opera star.
Jan. 15—Mrs. John Dickinson Shuman, former actress and president of women's clubs, in Denver.
Jan. 25—John Barton Payne, in Washington.
Jan. 25—Rear Admiral Robert M. Coffey, in New York.
Jan. 25—Adrian Keelin in New York.
Jan. 21—Richard Washburn Child, diplomat and author.
Feb. 2—Frederick Ward, veteran actor.
Feb. 9—Cora Marvin, novelist.
Feb. 17—Arthur Somers Roche, author.
Jan. 8—Former Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.
March 15—Dr. Michael L. Papin, scientist, in New York.
Jan. 2—Mrs. L. M. Latham, noted labor mediator, in Chicago.
Henry Antonius Lammens, sculptor.
April 2—W. F. Arton, of Louisville, business manager and tycoon.

Jan. 1.—Rhode Island Democrats by a vote of 12-10 defeated and ousted the Supreme court.

Jan. 3.—Seventy-fourth congress met in session; Byrnes elected speaker of house.

Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt in annual message proposed a great work relief program, supervised by the direct dole.

Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt requested congress a budget for the fiscal year 1935 calling for expenditures of \$2,585,984,000.

Jan. 6.—The Supreme court held unconstitutional petroleum control provisions of the National Industrial Act.

Jan. 8.—Arbitration commission ordered United States to apologize to Japan for sinking of the ram running schooner T'm Alone.

Jan. 9.—House passed \$775,000,000 independent offices bill.

Jan. 14.—President sent message to congress asking for United States' entry into World court.

Jan. 17.—President's message outlining a new safety plan and old-age pensions.

Jan. 21.—Bill in house giving Roosevelt power to suspend \$100,000,000 for public welfare and \$100,000,000 for relief.

Jan. 22.—House passed \$1,000,000,000 roads and works bill.

Jan. 25.—House voted power to Roosevelt to borrow \$11,500,000,000 to pay for the new roads bill.

Jan. 26.—Uprising in Louisiana put down by Huey Long's troops.

Jan. 27.—House passed World court adherence resolutions.

House passed bill to extend RFC for another year.

Jan. 28.—Senate passed bill to increase borrowing power of New Deal.

Jan. 29.—House passed bill.

Jan. 31.—Roosevelt extended auto code to June 15.

Jan. 6.—Foreign Minister Laval of France and Premier Mussolini of Italy began peace pact conference in Rome.

Jan. 8.—Mussolini and Laval reached full agreement on all points in dispute between Italy and France.

Jan. 15.—The Saar voted to rejoin Germany.

Jan. 17.—League set March 1 as date for return of the Saar to Germany.

Jan. 18.—Mussolini denied Italy's demands for satisfactory amends in African border row, decided to sell Chinese Eastern railway to Manchukuo.

March 10.—France agreed to League of Nations to deal with Germany's scrapping of the Versailles treaty.

March 21.—Germany defied France and Italy, rejecting protests.

March 25.—Japan's resignation from League of Nations effective.

April 1.—England, France and Italy, at Stresa, agreed on peace pact to deter any renewed German aggression as treaty violator.

April 17.—League of Nations council set up committee to investigate Germany for treaty violations.

April 26.—Chancellor Hitler in haste to suspend relations with France and England, protesting over German oil embargo.